Statement of Objects and Reasons.

The Government of India have recently passed an Act amending the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1914 for legalising the renewal of registration of motor vehicles. This amendment was necessitated by the decision of the Bombay High Court in Crown *Versus* J. D. Sherston Baker that the rule framed by the Bombay Government in regard to annual registration was *ultra vires*, the local Government not having power to make such a rule under the Act as it stood.

Section 9 (2) clause (a) of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Regulation, 1913 is also defective in this respect. It is therefore proposed to amend that clause so as to make it comprehensive by adopting the provision of section 11; sub-section (2) clause (*a*) of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act of 1914 as it would stand after the amendment.

No. 2791, *dated Bangalore* 11*th March* 1925.

Under Order No. 49 of the Standing Orders for the conduct of business and procedure in the Legislative Council, published with No. P. 4349—Legis. 13-23-24, dated 5th February 1924, the accompanying report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the law relating to the protection of Inventions and Designs is published for information.

By Order,
R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary, Legislative Council

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

We, the members of the Select Committee to consider the Bill to amend the law relating to the protection of Inventions and Designs have the honor to submit the following report :—

We considered the Bill at two sittings, at the first of which Dr. L. C. Coleman, one of our members, was unable to be present. With some verbal and typographical alterations, we approve of the Bill as placed before us.

In recommending that the Bill as amended may be passed by the Council, we have two suggestions to offer. Firstly, we think that the Regulation may be called the Mysore Patents and Designs Regulation and may be brought into force after the expiry of three months from the date of the passing thereof. Secondly, we are of opinion that the provision made under clause 67, sub-clause 1, for appeals being filed against an order of the Controller within two months of the date of the order is not very clear. If, for instance, the order is passed by the Controller without the knowledge of the party effected by the order and in his absence, the calculation of two months from the date of the order is likely to cause him some hardship. We therefore suggest that in exercise of the rule-making powers of Government under section 73, a rule should be made that before the Controller passes an order of the kind referred to in section 67 (1) a timely and sufficient notice of the date on which the order is to be passed should be given to the parties who will be affected by it.

We attach to this report a copy of the bill as approved by us. In view of the fact that we have made no material alterations in it, we do not think it necessary to publish the Bill as approved by us in the Gazette.

(Sd.) K. R. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (*Chairman*).
L. C. COLEMAN.
S. G. FORBES.
B. NAGAPPA.
RALPH NYE.
M. RAMACHANDRA RAO.
P. G. D'SOUZA.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Notification No. Fl. 5092—*Ex.* 50-24-4, *dated* 14*th March* 1925.

Under Sections 16 and 29 of the Mysore Excise Regulation and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to amend the Rules regulating Excise sales embodied in Notification No. R. 9208—Ex. 14-18-9, dated 13th February 1920 as follows :—

General Conditions applicable to all Excise and Opium Licenses.

1. In Condition 20 at the end of the existing sentence add.—

"Power is however reserved to the Deputy Commissioner to raise the retail rates at which the licensee sells any intoxicating liquor or drugs if such rate is below that which may be reasonably expected to cover the cost, the rental and other incidental expenses."

2. In Chapter IV headed conditions applicable to Arrack Licenses.—

(1) After clause (8) insert the following as a sub-clause 8(*a*).—

"The licensee of every arrack shop in Chikmagalur will pay a surcharge of 4 annas a gallon on all arrack sold by him in excess of 55 gallons a month in each such shop."

3. Add the following at the end of Condition 31 of General Conditions.—

"Disposal of the privilege of sale otherwise than by resale includes also closure of the shop or tavern."

By Order,
K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.